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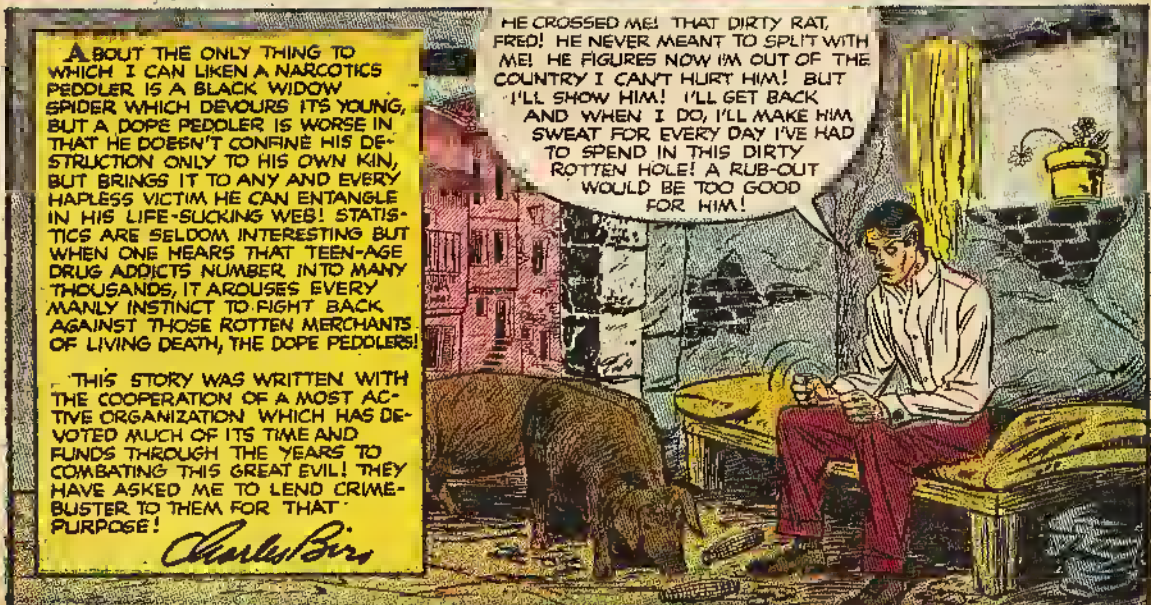
William
OVERGARD

ABOUT THE ONLY THING TO WHICH I CAN LIKEN A NARCOTICS PEDDLER IS A BLACK WIDOW SPIDER WHICH DEVOURS ITS YOUNG, BUT A DOPE PEDDLER IS WORSE IN THAT HE DOESN'T CONFINED HIS DESTRUCTION ONLY TO HIS OWN KIN, BUT BRINGS IT TO ANY AND EVERY HAPLESS VICTIM HE CAN ENTANGLE IN HIS LIFE-SUCKING WEB! STATISTICS ARE SELDOM INTERESTING BUT WHEN ONE HEARS THAT TEEN-AGE DRUG ADDICTS NUMBER INTO MANY THOUSANDS, IT AROUSES EVERY MANLY INSTINCT TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THOSE ROTTEN MERCHANTS OF LIVING DEATH, THE DOPE PEDDLERS!

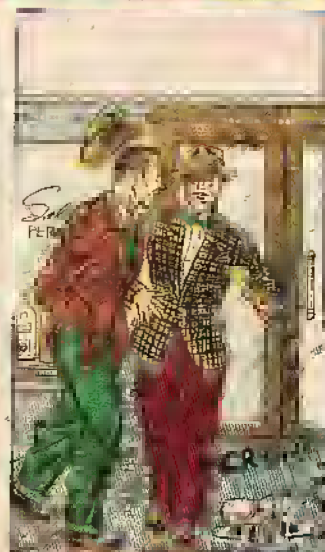
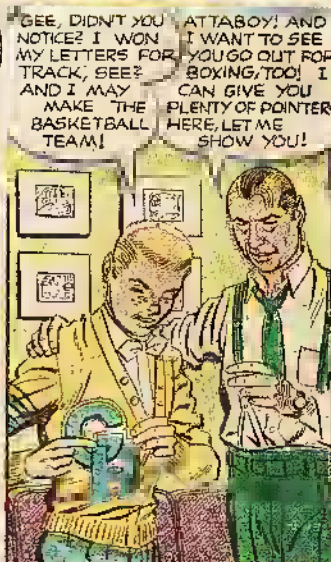
THIS STORY WAS WRITTEN WITH THE COOPERATION OF A MOST ACTIVE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF ITS TIME AND FUNDS THROUGH THE YEARS TO COMBATING THIS GREAT EVIL! THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO LEND CRIMEBUSTER TO THEM FOR THAT PURPOSE!

Charles Birn

HE CROSSED ME! THAT DIRTY RAT, FRED! HE NEVER MEANT TO SPLIT WITH ME! HE FIGURES NOW I'M OUT OF THE COUNTRY I CAN'T HURT HIM! BUT I'LL SHOW HIM! I'LL GET BACK AND WHEN I DO, I'LL MAKE HIM SWEAT FOR EVERY DAY I'VE HAD TO SPEND IN THIS DIRTY ROTTEN HOLE! A RUB-OUT WOULD BE TOO GOOD FOR HIM!



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FRED BROWLEY! YOU OLD SO AND SO! IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE I SAW YOU! HOW'VE YOU BEEN, FELLA?

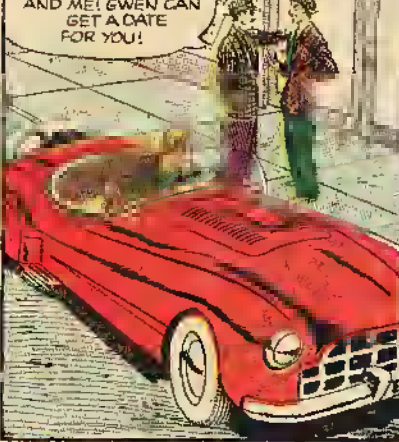
JOE MARTIN! FOR THE LOVE MIKE! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE BIG HOUSE! LET ME BUY YOU ANOTHER BOTTLE!

PUT THAT AWAY! LET ME BUY YOU ONE! I HAVE AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT COMING UP TO THE APARTMENT WITH GWEN AND ME! GWEN CAN GET A DATE FOR YOU!

SURE! SOUNDS GOOD!

GOOD OLD FRED! THIS GUY WAS THE FIRST REAL FRIEND I EVER HAD! WE'VE BEEN THROUGH PLENTY TOGETHER, EH, FRED?

UHUH...VERY INTERESTING-CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?



CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, BALONEY! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T COME TO THIS COUNTRY TILL '36? I CAME HERE WITHOUT A PENNY AND LOOK AT ME NOW! NOT BAD, EH? AND HOW'S THE WORLD TREATING YOU, FRED?

NOT SO HOT, JOE! ONE CRUMMY JOB AFTER ANOTHER! IF IT WASN'T FOR MY KID, JOHNNY, LIFE WOULDN'T BE WORTH IT! LET ME SHOW YOU HIS PICTURE! HOW DO YOU LIKE HIM?

GREAT! HE RESEMBLES YOU A LOT!

HE'S GOING TO GET THE BREAKS! RIGHT NOW I'M SENDING HIM TO A REAL EXCLUSIVE BOARDING SCHOOL UPSTATE! IT COSTS PLENTY BUT I DON'T MIND PAYING IT!

ZAT SO! 'SCUSE ME...THE DOORBELL!



MR. MARTIN! IF YOU EXPECT ME TO REPRESENT YOU AT THE IMMIGRATION HEARING TOMORROW MORNING, YOU HAVE TO COOPERATE! I NEED EVERY FACT I CAN GET!

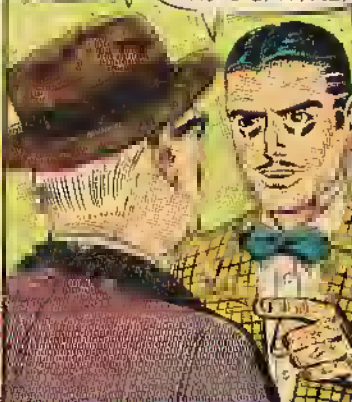
RELAX, MY RECORD'S BEEN CLEAN EVER SINCE I WAS RELEASED! THEY SHOULD HAVE NOTHING ON ME!

AS YOUR LAWYER, I'D AT LEAST LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE CHARGE OF SUSPICION OF DEALING IN NARCOTICS IS TRUE OR NOT!

IT'S A FRAME-UP! THE WITNESS WHO IDENTIFIED ME IS CRAZY! HE'LL CRACK WIDE OPEN IN COURT! AND WHAT THE WORST THEY CAN DO ANYHOW! I'M NOT AFRAID OF A FINE!

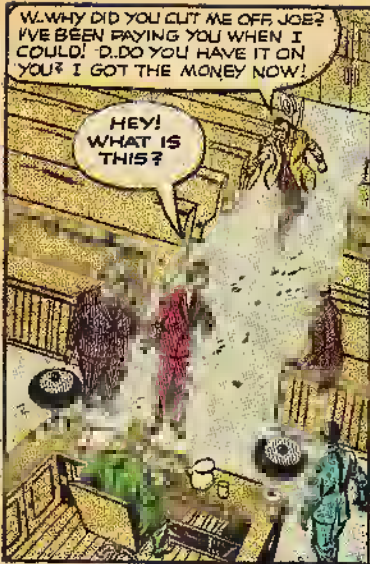
FINE? IF THEY CAN PROVE THEIR CASE AGAINST YOU, YOU'LL BE DEPORTED! THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DOESN'T APPLY, IF YOU CAN BE PROVEN TO BE AN UNDESIRABLE ALIEN!

DEPORTED! GET OUT OF HERE! YOU'RE CRAZY!









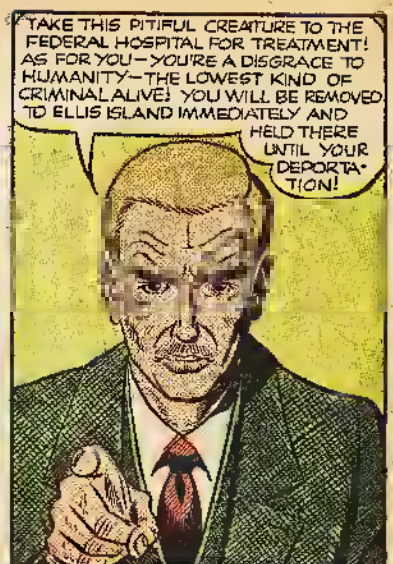
W. WHY DID YOU CUT ME OFF JOE? I'VE BEEN PAYING YOU WHEN I COULD! D. DO YOU HAVE IT ON YOU? I GOT THE MONEY NOW!

HEY! WHAT IS THIS?



IT'S A FRAME-UP! I NEVER EVEN SAW THIS GUY BEFORE!

IT'S ME, LARRY TOOMEN, JOE! I GOTTA HAVE A SHOT OR I'LL GO NUTS!



TAKE THIS PITIFUL CREATURE TO THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT! AS FOR YOU—YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO HUMANITY—THE LOWEST KIND OF CRIMINAL ALIVE! YOU WILL BE REMOVED TO ELLIS ISLAND IMMEDIATELY AND HELD THERE UNTIL YOUR DEPORTATION!



IT'S A FRAME-UP, I TELL YOU!

YOUR HONOR, MY CLIENT LIED TO ME! HE SWORE HE WAS INNOCENT! IF I HAD KNOWN THE FACTS, I NEVER WOULD HAVE DEFENDED HIM!

JOE MARTIN ARRIVES AT THE PLACE OF BIRTH...

YOU ARE NO MORE WANTED HERE THAN IN AMERICA, BUT SINCE THIS IS YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY, WE MUST ACCEPT YOU! I WILL SHOW YOU TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU WILL LIVE!



YOU EXPECT ME TO LIVE HERE? IN THIS HOVEL? IT'S NOT FIT FOR THESE PIGS!

BE GLAD YOU HAVE A ROOF OVER YOU! NOW LET ME WARN YOU! YOU WILL BE WATCHED BY THE POLICE! ONE WRONG STEP AND YOUR HOME WILL BE A PRISON!



NO WATER EXCEPT BY THE BUCKET—NO BATH—NOTHING! I CAN'T TAKE THIS! STILL, ONCE FRED GETS THIS CABLE AND I HAVE MONEY IT WILL BE DIFFERENT—I'LL GO TO PARIS, ROME, THE RIVIERA!



WHY SHOULD I SPLIT WITH HIM? THIS IS MY RACKET NOW!

STRICKY, NOW THAT I'M OPERATING JOE'S RACKET I'VE DECIDED TO REALLY ORGANIZE IT! I'M GOING ON A BIG SCALE! HOW BIG IS YOUR SOURCE OF SUPPLY?

I GOT GOOD CONNECTIONS! I CAN GET YOU ALL YOU WANT! HOW DO YOU FIGURE ON OPERATING? MAYBE I CAN HELP! THE MORE YOU BUY THE MORE I MAKE!



CABLE

FRED, MAKE DEPOSIT BANK OF NAPLES IN MY NAME AT ONCE! URGENT!

JOE MARTIN

I WANT A BUNCH OF SHARP GUYS TO SELL FOR ME... ALL OVER THE STATE! I THOUGHT OF A NEW FRONT! JOE'S 114TH STREET PLACE IS OUT SINCE HE GOT DEPORTED! I BOUGHT A BAKERY! WE'LL SELL THE DOPE IN SPECIAL LOAVES!



I KNOW JUST THE GUY FOR YOU - SPIDER MALONE! HE HAD TEN YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON BAKERY SO HE COULD RUN THE STORE - AN' YOU CAN TRUST HIM... IF YOU CUT HIM IN FOR A PERCENTAGE!



GOOD! SEND HIM TO SEE ME!

HERE ARE THE SPECIAL LOAVES - SEE! I MARKED THEM WITH AN 'M'! SEE HOW I CUT OUT THE INSIDE - JUST LIKE YOU SAID!

GOOD, SPIDER - IT'S GONNA WORK OUT FINE! SPIDER WILL DELIVER THE STUFF IN DUMMY FLOUR SACKS!



WHEN MY AGENTS COME IN, THEY'LL ASK FOR A LOAF OF BREAD! AT THE SAME TIME THEY'LL HAND YOU A MARKED BILL LIKE THIS ONE! KEEP THESE BILLS ASIDE! THEY'RE MY CHECK ON EACH AGENT! YOU GIVE THEM A SPECIAL LOAF WITH A PACKAGE OF DOPE IN IT AND THEIR REGULAR CHANGE!



I LIKE YOUR IDEAS! THIS IS THE NEATEST FRONT I EVER

OKAY - I'LL START SENDING MY BOYS IN THIS AFTERNOON! BE SURE NOT TO MAKE A MISTAKE! REMEMBER, ONE SLIP-UP AND IT MAY BLOW UP IN OUR FACES!



I SERVED ENOUGH TIME, DON' WORRY!

IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO TO THAT LECTURE SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL, C.B.! THE SUBJECT IS THE EFFECTS OF NARCOTICS ON YOUNG PEOPLE!

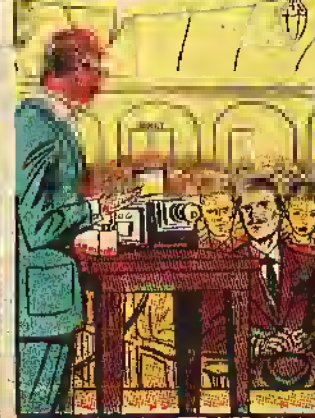
THEY'VE BEEN DOING A WONDERFUL JOB IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USE OF NARCOTICS BY TEEN-AGERS!



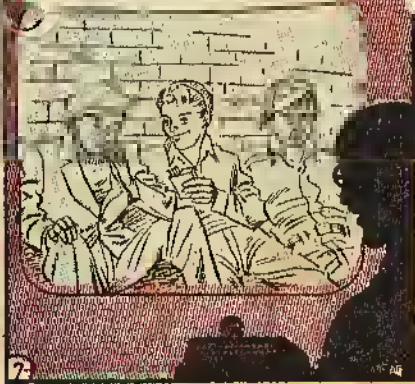
I JUST WISH EVERY PARENT, WHO HAD A CHANCE TO ATTEND THESE LECTURES WOULD COME! NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE REALIZE HOW MUCH DOPE IS BEING PEDDLED TO KIDS, OR HOW EASILY THEY CAN BE TRAPPED INTO THE DRUG HABIT THROUGH IGNORANCE!



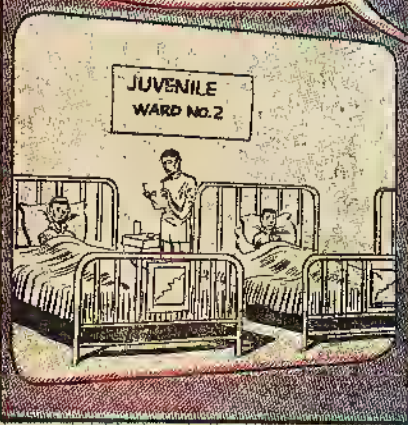
DRUG ADDICTION IS A PROBLEM REGARDLESS OF THE VICTIM'S AGE, BUT THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF ALL IS WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE FALL INTO THE HANDS OF DRUG PEDDLERS AND DEVELOP THE HABIT BEFORE THEY EVEN REALIZE WHAT THEY ARE DOING!



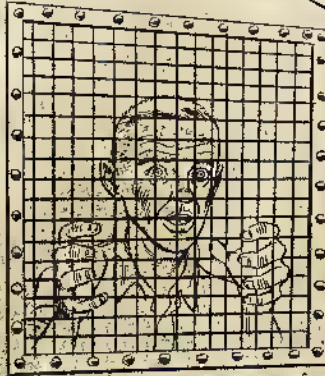
NEW VICTIMS GENERALLY LEARN ABOUT DRUGS BY WORD OF MOUTH! ONE BOY WILL TELL ANOTHER AND INVITE HIM TO JOIN A CLUB AFTER PLEDGING HIM TO SECRECY! THE SECRECY AND PROMISE OF A THRILL APPEALS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEY BECOME VICTIMS BEFORE THEY REALIZE IT! HERE IS A TYPICAL MEETING PLACE! IT'S THE BASEMENT OF A CONDEMNED TENEMENT!



THESE ARE THE JUVENILE DRUG ADDICTS AT A MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL FOR NARCOTICS VICTIMS! THEY ARE A PITIFUL GROUP TO LOOK AT, BUT EVEN SO THEY ARE LUCKIER THAN MOST DRUG VICTIMS BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING TREATMENTS AND WILL BE CURED!



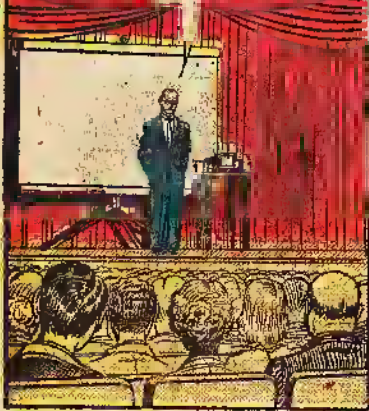
HERE IS A BOY—ONLY SIXTEEN, WHO IS SO DEPENDENT ON DRUGS THAT HE IS BEYOND HOPE OF CURE AND IS IN AN INSTITUTION FOR THE INSANE! THERE ARE HUNDREDS MORE LIKE HIM!



DRUGS BREED CRIME FOR DRUGS ARE EXPENSIVE! THE YOUTHFUL ADDICT IS DRIVEN TO ROB AND STEAL! AS HIS CRAVING INCREASES, HE REQUIRES MORE AND MORE DRUGS AND HIS CRIMES INCREASE! THERE IS NO LIMIT TO WHAT AN ADDICT WILL DO WHEN HE IS DESPERATE!



IT'S UP TO US TO FIGHT BY EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN—BY SUPERVISING THE NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR SCHOOLS SO THAT PEDDLERS DARE NOT ATTEMPT TO SELL TO STUDENTS AND BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES CRACKING DOWN ON DRUGS EVERY WAY THEY CAN!



THAT SETTLES IT! YOU WANTED ME TO GO ON THAT ROBBERY CASE, BUT NOW I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN'T HELP IN THIS DRIVE ON DRUG PEDDLERS!

WE NEVER LET UP ON THE DRUG PROBLEM, BUT IT'S A HARD THING TO BEAT! WE CATCH A LOT OF LITTLE FISH, BUT THE BIG OPERATORS ARE HARD TO TRAP! WHERE WILL YOU START?



THE NEXT TIME YOU PICK UP A DRUG SUSPECT, GIVE ME ALL YOU HAVE ON HIM! THEN TURN HIM LOOSE! I'LL WATCH HIM NIGHT AND DAY TILL HE LEADS ME TO HIS PEDDLER! THEN I'LL SHADOW HIM UNTIL HE LEADS ME TO THE TOP!



I HIT A GOLD MINE! ONE OF MY REGULARS HAS A STORE NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL AND HE'S GOT A GANG OF SCHOOL KIDS STARTED ON THE STUFF! GET 'EM WHEN THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO KNOW BETTER—THAT'S MY MOTTO!

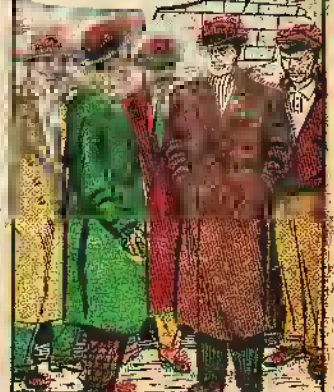


YEAH, KIDS PICK UP THE HABIT FAST! THEY GO FROM REEFERS TO THE HEAVIER STUFF EASY AND FROM THEN ON THEY'RE REGULARS!

BUT KIDS CAN'T AFFORD IT AND WHAT GOOD IS A CUSTOMER WITHOUT HARD CASH?



LISTEN—ONCE THEY GET THE HABIT THEY NEED THE STUFF SO BAD THEY FIND A WAY TO GET THE DOUGH! SO MAYBE THEY GO CROOKED—WHO CARES AS LONG AS THEY PAY!



THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY, JOE MARTIN IN THE MEANTIME WAS MAKING SOME PLANS OF HIS OWN!

I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF GETTING INTO THE STATES DIRECT, BUT IF I CAN GET TO MEXICO ON THIS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED, CROSSING THE BORDER SHOULDN'T BE TOO TOUGH!



ANOTHER HUNDRED YARDS AN' I'LL BE IN TEXAS! I STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE I CATCH UP WITH THAT SQUEALER, LARRY TOOMEN AND MY DOUBLE-CROSSIN' PAL, FRED, BUT I'LL GET 'EM, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!



ONCE BACK IN THE BIG CITY, TOOMEN WAS EASY TO LOCATE!

YOU ROTTEN SQUEALER, I CAME ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE OCEAN TO SETTLE THINGS WITH YOU! WHY DID YOU COME INTO COURT THAT TIME?

JOE! JOE! PLEASE! YOU GOTTA LISTEN TO ME, FIRST!



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING! THIS GUY, FRED, TOLD ME TO GO ASK YOU! HE TOOK ME THERE! I WAS CRAZY FOR SOME OF THE STUFF! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS A COURT ROOM!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT! TELL ME, YOU GOG-HEAD, WHERE IS HE? I HAVE A DOUBLE SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM!

NOBODY GETS TO SEE ME! I'LL BE SHOT ANY MORE!



STRICKY, I'VE TOLD YOU THE WHOLE STORY OF HOW I GOT BACK HERE AND HOW THAT RAT, FRED, FRAMED ME! NOW TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND HIM SO I CAN SETTLE!

EASY—NOT SO FAST, JOE! THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE YOU GOT DEPORTED!



FRED'S A BIG CHEESE NOW! HE OPERATES ALL OVER THE STATE—AN' HE'S GOT A BODYGUARD! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING TO HIM! YOU GOTTA PLAY IT SMART, OTHERWISE THIS TIME HE'LL GET RID OF YOU PERMANENTLY!



THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF REVENGE—MAYBE A LOT WORSE THAN KILLING HIM—YEAH—THAT KID OF HIS... HE'S GOT A KID NAMED JOHNNY, THAT HE IDOLIZES! GIMME FRED'S ADDRESS! AND DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE CAREFUL!



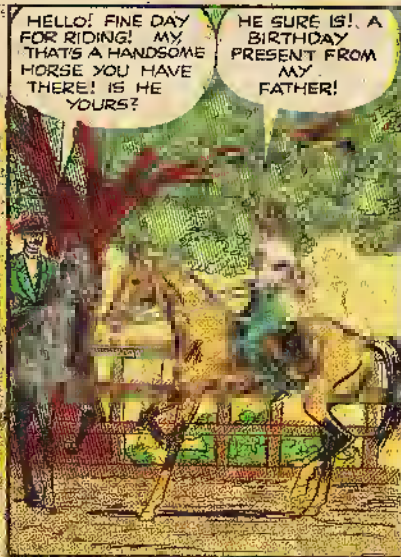
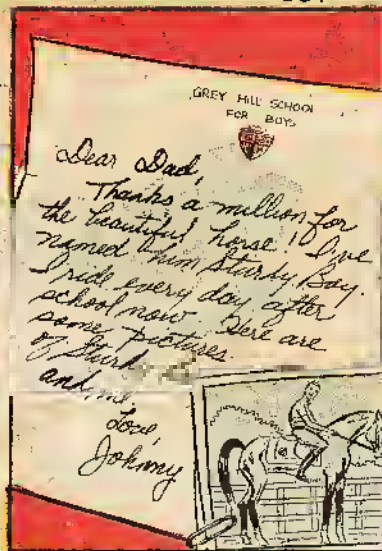
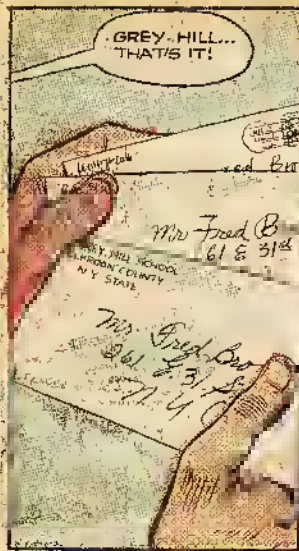
IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IF THE KID WRITES TO HIS OLD MAN REGULARLY, AN' I CAN GET HOLD OF A LETTER WITH THE SCHOOL ADDRESS, I'LL BE ALL SET!



I CAN TAKE THAT MAIL FOR BROWLEY! HE ASKED ME TO BRING IT UP AS SOON AS IT CAME!

OKAY, THREE LETTERS, THAT'S ALL!





JOHN BROWLEY--YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION! IN FACT, YOU'VE BEEN INATTENTIVE ALL MONTH! IF YOU DON'T START KNUCKLING DOWN, YOU'RE GOING TO FAIL THIS COURSE!

STOP PICKING ON ME!



JOE...JOE...GIMME SOME MORE OF THOSE CIGARETTES! EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT, I'VE BEEN ON EDGE WAITING FOR YOU!

OH? MAYBE YOU BETTER NOT TAKE ANY MORE THEN! THESE AREN'T LIKE REGULAR CIGARETTES, YOU KNOW! THESE ARE REEFERS--MARIJUANAS! IT'S A KIND OF DRUG AND MAYBE IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU!



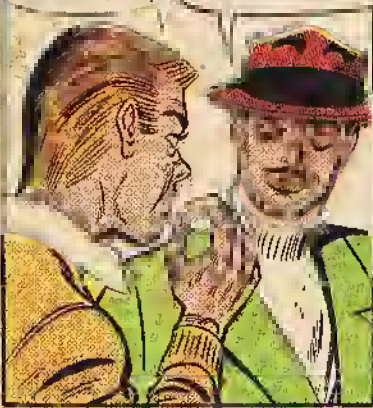
I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY ARE... I WANT ONE NOW!

HERE, TRY THIS! IT'S SOMETHING MUCH STRONGER! HEROIN! YOU'LL LIKE IT BETTER! BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE HERE TODAY!



G...GEE, THAT WAS STRONGER THAN CIGARETTES! LEAVING? YOU CAN'T...GEE...WELL, THEN, LET ME BUY SOME HEROIN FROM YOU, JOE!

THIS STUFF RUNS INTO BIG MONEY, KID! YOU COULDN'T AFFORD IT...AND IF YOU COULD, I COULDN'T RISK IT! IT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE TO SELL!



I WON'T TELL A SOUL! I SWEAR I WON'T! AND I'LL GET THE MONEY... MAYBE I COULD SELL THIS WATCH DAD GAVE ME!

I COULD USE A WATCH...I'LL TAKE IT AND GIVE YOU SOME FOR IT! IF YOU WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN, I'LL BE AT THE HOTEL IN DRAYTON TWENTY MILES FROM HERE--WEEK ENDS!



WEEK ENDS... GEE, BUT THAT'S WHEN I GENERALLY GO HOME TO SEE MY FATHER!

I DON'T CARE IF I SEE YOU OR NOT! THAT'S UP TO YOU! JUST REMEMBER, IF YOU TELL ANYONE, I'LL NEVER GIVE YOU ANY HEROIN AGAIN!



LOOVER, AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS OF TRAILING THAT DOPE SUSPECT, I'VE FINALLY HIT ON SOMETHING! I NOTICED THAT AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK HE WENT TO A CERTAIN BAKERY EIGHT BLOCKS OUT OF HIS WAY TO BUY BREAD, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A BAKERY JUST AS GOOD AROUND THE CORNER FROM WHERE HE LIVES!

AFTER THAT I RENTED AN EMPTY ROOM ACROSS FROM THE BAKERY AND TOOK TELEPHOTO PICTURES OF EVERYONE ENTERING THE PLACE! EVERY NIGHT I CHECKED ALL THE PICTURES AGAINST OUR FILE OF KNOWN DRUG OPERATORS AND LOOK WHAT I DISCOVERED!



THESE TWELVE MEN ARE REGULAR CUSTOMERS THERE AND ALL OF THEM HAVE RECORDS AS PEDDLERS OF DOPE! I'M CONVINCED THAT BAKERY IS THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION TO THE HANDLERS!

GOOD WORK, C.B.I. I'LL ORDER A RAID ANY TIME YOU SAY!





THIS IS A RAID—
STEP OUT FROM
BEHIND THE
COUNTER!

I WANT TO
EXAMINE THE
BREAD! IT'S THE
ONLY THING
THEY BUY!



LOOK! HERE'S THE ANSWER TO
HOW THEY DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE
PASSERS...HOLLOWED LOAVES
OF BREAD PACKED WITH PARCELS
OF DOPE! NOW ALL WE NEED TO
KNOW IS THE HIGH SIGN THEY
USE...



GEE—WHAT
DO YOU KNOW!
GOSH, THIS
IS NEWS
TO ME!

SHUT UP, YOU!
WE KNOW
TWELVE OF
THESE MEN BY
SIGHT! IT WON'T
BE HARD TO FIND
OUT THEIR SYSTEM
OF IDENTIFICATION!
WE CAN PICK UP
THE OTHERS AS
THEY COME
IN!



I'LL HAVE TO GO SEE JOE FOR
MORE AGAIN! IT'S GETTING TOUGH
ALL THE TIME TO LIE TO DAO
ABOUT WHY I DON'T SEE HIM
WEEK-ENDS...AND IF HE EVER
FINDS OUT I'VE FORGED THE
SCHOOL REPORTS ON MY
WORK...



WELL, WELL, YOU AGAIN.
HUM, KID? YOU'RE TURN-
ING INTO A REGULAR
WEEK-END CUSTOMER!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID
YOU'D HOKED EVERY-
THING YOU OWNED
AND YOU COULDN'T
AFFORD ANY MORE!

I SOLD MY HORSE,
STURDY BOY!
HERE'S THE MONEY—
LET ME HAVE SOME
MORE OF THAT
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YOU HANGING AROUND!



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THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE
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IN THIS STATE! IF YOU
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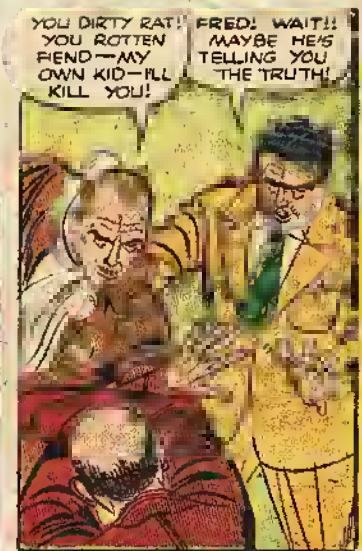
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HERE? GOOO
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WRONG WITH
YOU? ARE YOU
SICK?

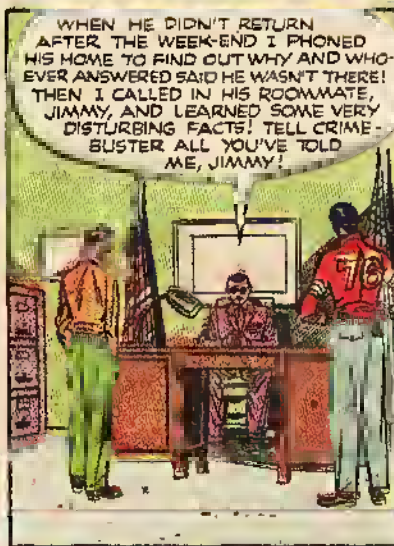
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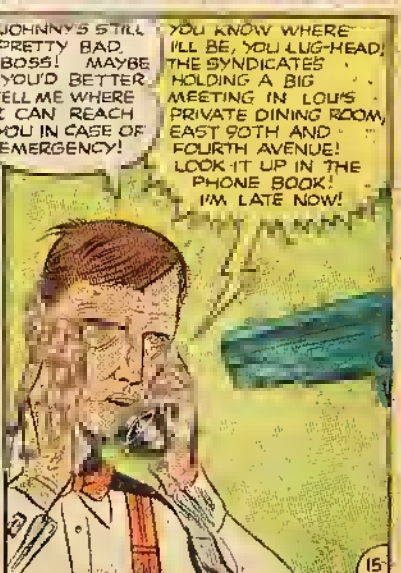


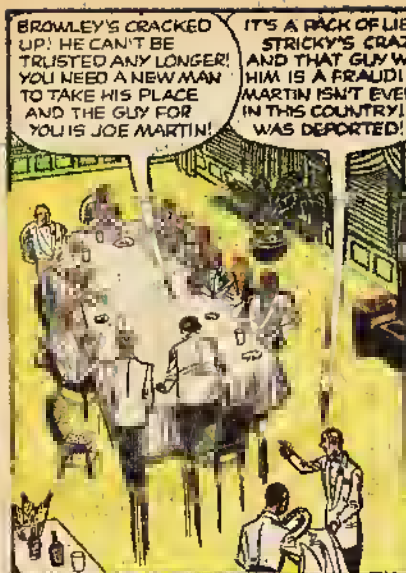
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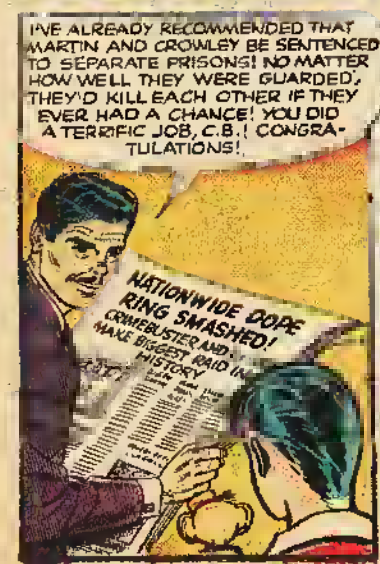




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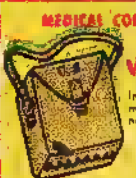
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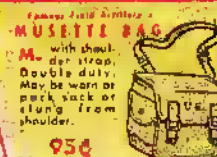
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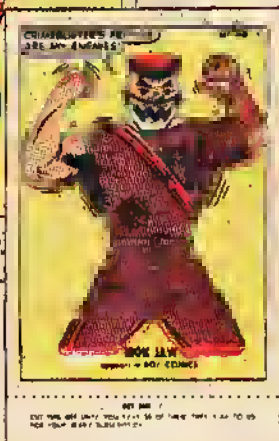
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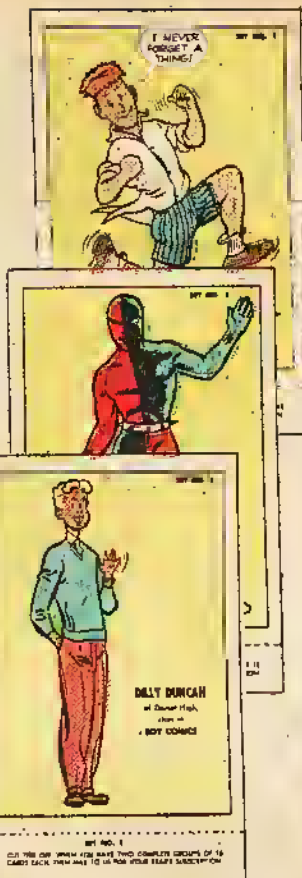
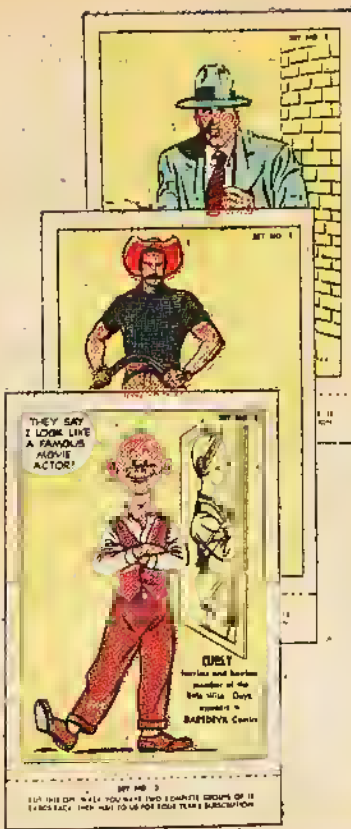
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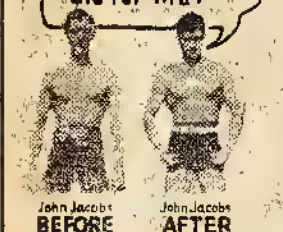

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HOW MUCH OF THIS STUFF D'YOU WANTA TAKE, AL?

ALL WE CAN CARRY! WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE DUNCAN LOOK REALLY BAD WHILE WE'RE AT IT! HE'LL GET ALL THE BLAME ANYWAY!

TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE ON ME, EH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

SHOWERS

WHILE DILLY AND GRUESOME HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BATTLING FURIOUSLY, WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A HUNCH THAT SECRETLY THEY ADMIRE EACH OTHER! AFTER THEY HAD TAUGHT EACH OTHER A LESSON IT LOOKED AS IF WE MIGHT BE RIGHT, BUT THEN...

GOLLY, SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER AND WE HAVEN'T GOT A DARNED THING TO SHOW FOR IT!

DON'T FORGET THE HORSE!

SURE, AND DON'T FORGET THE DOG, EITHER! HEY, WE'D BETTER GET HIM OUT OF THE CREEK IF WE'RE GOING TO CATCH ANYTHING!

WE MIGHT AS WELL LET HIM ALONE! THERE AREN'T ANY FISH IN HERE, ANYWAY!

THAT'S RIGHT!

I WAS TALKING ABOUT MONEY! POP TOLD ME LAST YEAR THAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO EARN MY SPENDING MONEY FOR THIS FALL, AND I - HAVEN'T GOT A CENT!

WE SPENT ALL THE REWARD MONEY FOR THE HORSE!

WE COULD GET JOBS NOW, I S'POSE!

THAT'S NO GOOD. SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK!

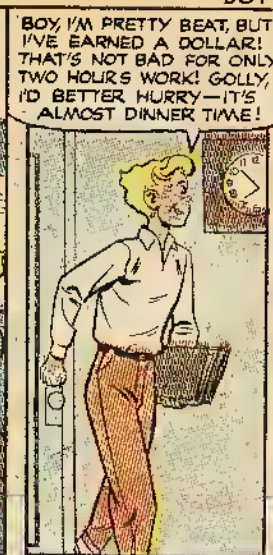
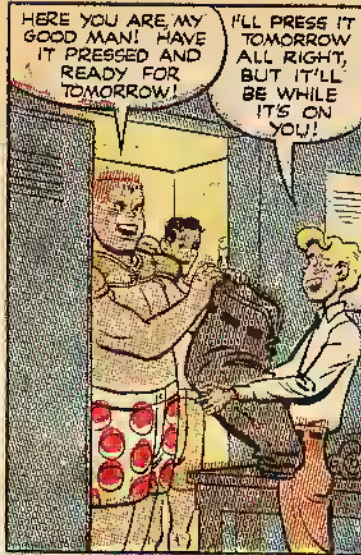
I GOT IT! MAYBE THE COACH KNOWS A JOB I COULD GET AFTER SCHOOL! PRACTICE STARTS TOMORROW! I'LL ASK HIM THEN! WHEE! I GOT ONE!

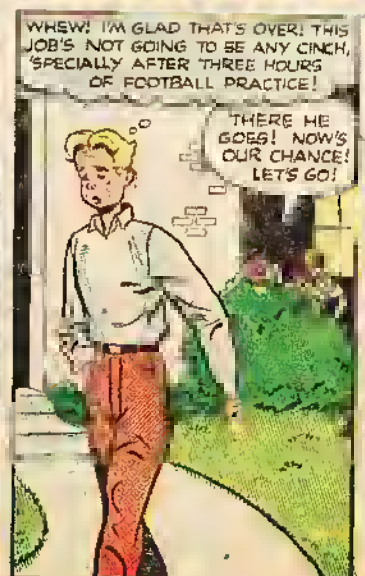
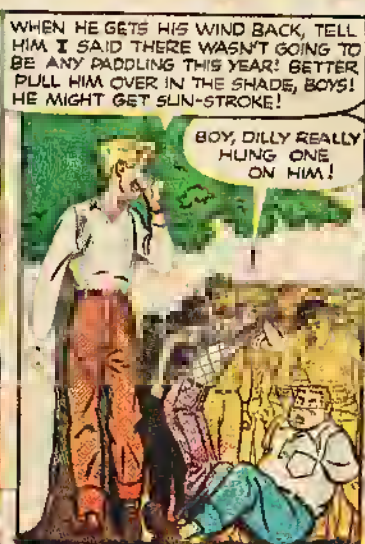
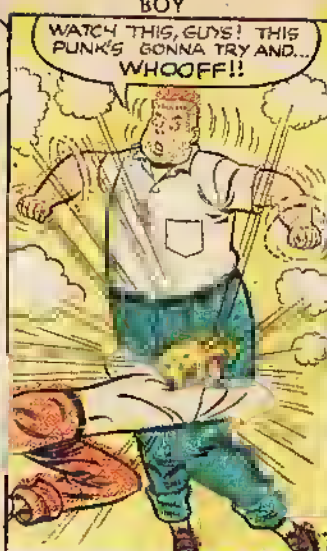
THE NEXT DAY... GAY, COACH! DO YOU KNOW OF A JOB I COULD GET AFTER SCHOOL?

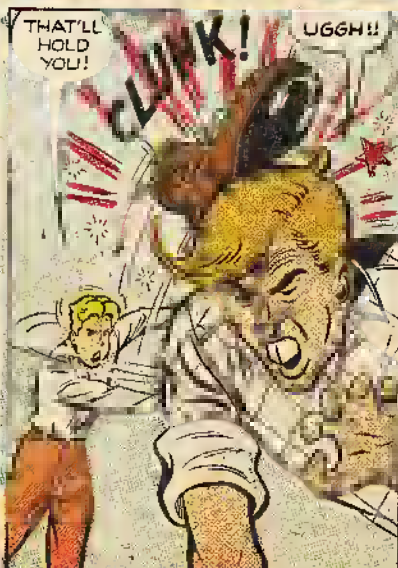
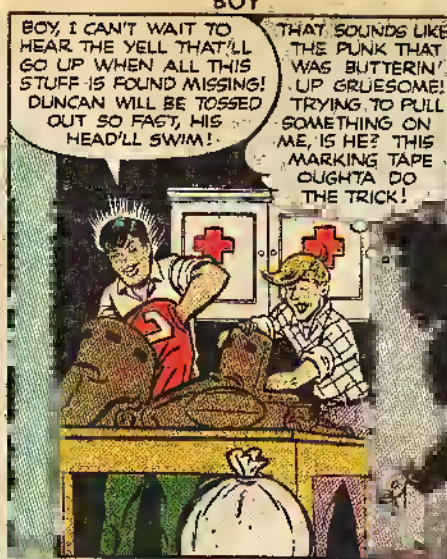
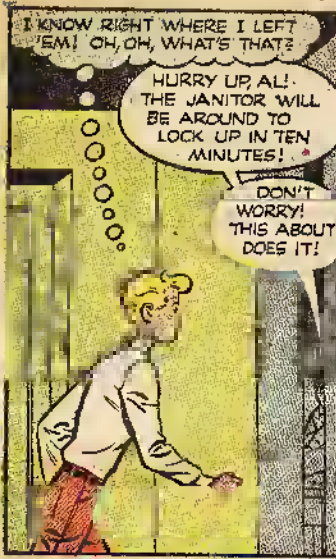
LET'S SEE... IT TO HAVE TO BE AFTER PRACTICE, TOO! SAY! THERE'S ONE JOB - CHECKING IN EQUIPMENT! NO, I NEVER GIVE IT TO BOYS WHO ARE OUT FOR THE TEAM! THEY GET TOO TIRED!

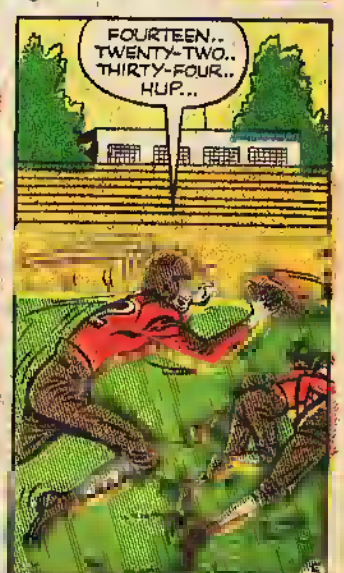
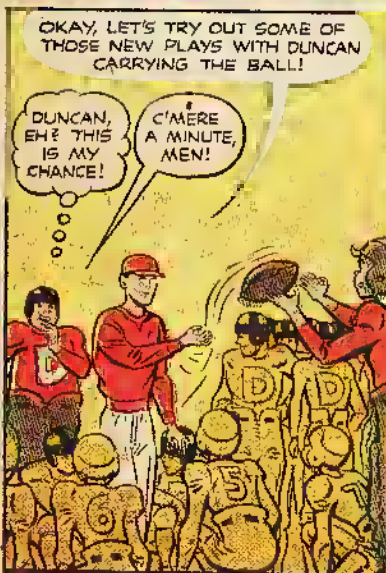
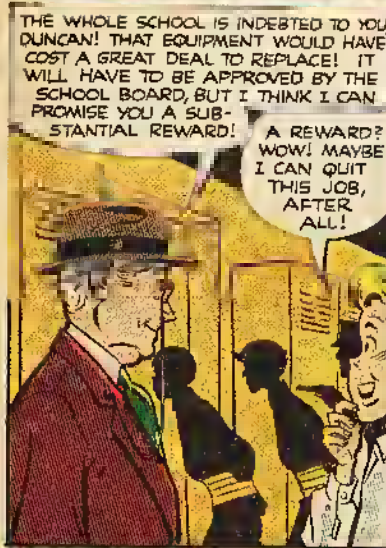
THAT'D BE JUST THE JOB FOR MR. COACH! I NEVER GET TIRED, SEE?

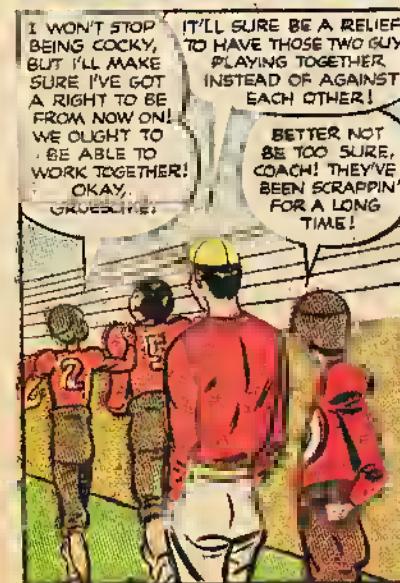
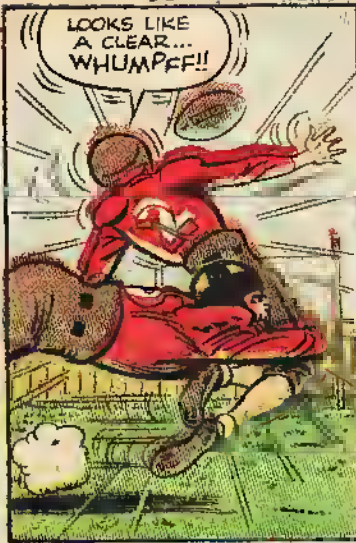
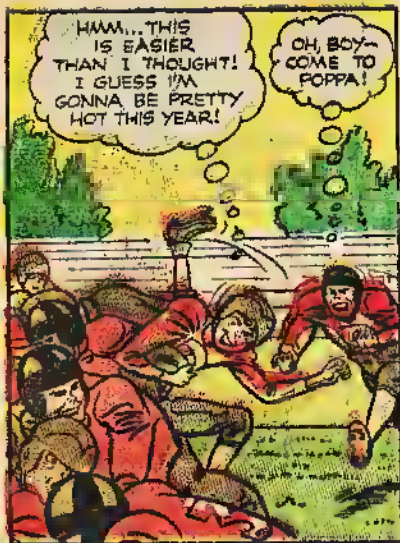
MAYBE YOU DON'T. AT THAT! OKAY, THE JOBS YOURS AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH FOOTBALL! IT PAYS FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK... YOU CAN START TODAY - AFTER PRACTICE!











WELL, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE UP AFTER ALL! MAYBE IT'S BETTER THIS WAY, ANYWAY! WE'LL SEE SOON, BECAUSE THE FOOTBALL SEASON WILL BE IN FULL SWING BY NEXT MONTH!

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you *can* and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities—intelligence, character, dignity—all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS

DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than now.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.



MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



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Normal skin



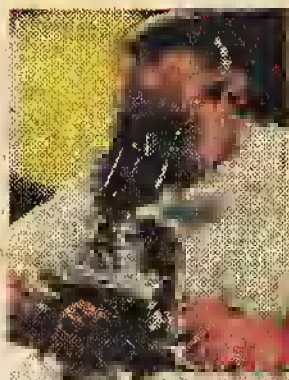
B.

Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research makes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleansing by highly detergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infec-



tious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

BLEMISHES COVERED UP

To remove the distressing embarrassment of these skin blemishes, the second Dornol formula exerts a "cover-up" action on your broken out skin while the medication does its work. This, plus its pleasant odor, will spare you the mental distress which is associated with unsightly, malodorous, medicated preparations. Imagine! You can apply this Dornol formula to your skin by day and face the immediate present with greater confidence in your appearance, while secure in the knowledge that medication is acting to remove old blemishes and keep away new ones. What this "cover-up" action alone is worth in peace of mind is beyond calculation. No longer need prying eyes make you wince with humiliation and misery. Now because of this wonderful feature of the Dornol treatment, you can put your best foot forward... at once!

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How to get the Dornol Treatment immediately:

Just send your name and address to DORNOL PRODUCTS, INC., Dept. 1009-C, 4257 Katonah Ave., New York 66, N. Y. Be sure to print clearly. By return mail we will ship the Dornol treatment to you in a plain package. When postman delivers the package, pay only \$1.98 plus postage. Or, if you wish to save postal fee, send \$2 now and we will pay postage. Which ever way you order, the **DOUBLE REFUND GUARANTEE** still prevails. Don't delay another minute, send for the Dornol Medicated Skin treatment with "cover-up" feature... at once! Sorry, no Canadian C.O.D.'s.

Collapse Of A Career



A new career had opened its doors to Scarecrow. He plunged himself into its pursuit with a vengeance and until the other Wise Guys finally realized what path Scarecrow was pursuing, they became a little worried. It all came to light one evening after Sluggo had been mystified as long as he could stand it.

That day Sluggo walked home from school with a heavy heart and a slow step. Sluggo was not one to worry but strange thoughts were wandering through his head. He was worried about Scarecrow, he had to face it. Something was wrong and something was very strange. Since school had started Scarecrow had somehow removed himself from the other Wise Guys. They used to be a unit; now some indefinable something was wrong.

As he approached the baro, Sluggo was stopped dead in his tracks by the sound of raucous laughter. It seemed to be coming from the baro, but he couldn't be sure. The laugh was piercing and rather frightening. He hurried on home, opened the door and found all as usual. Scarecrow was there but was looking at some papers on his lap and didn't seem to notice Sluggo's entrance.

"Hi, Scarecrow," greeted Sluggo, as cheerfully as possible. "Hey, I heard a strange noise and I thought it was coming from here."

Scarecrow scarcely heard Sluggo, as he was concentrating so hard on what he was reading. He only muttered, "huh, oh, h'lo, Sluggo," then he promptly continued his reading.

Sluggo felt slightly rebuffed at the abrupt greeting, so said nothing further to Scarecrow. Still pondering over the strange noise he had

heard, Sluggo walked outside and investigated every possible nook and cranny near the baro. Scarecrow, lost in his reading, paid no attention to Sluggo and concentrated on the papers the rest of the afternoon.

That evening at dinner, when the four Wise Guys were assembled, Sluggo hoped that Scarecrow would enter into the conversation that they used to enjoy. Scarecrow seemed in another world and ate his dinner silently with a far away look in his eye. Even when his attention was forcibly brought down to earth he didn't act like the old Scarecrow.

Sluggo felt that Scarecrow was off on a cloud even when it was time to wash the dishes and tonight was Scarecrow's turn. Scarecrow seemed to accept the duty with no gripes. Sluggo watched Scarecrow curiously even though he tried to continue lively conversation with Jock and Curly. As Jock and Curly and Sluggo sat around discussing the events of the day, Sluggo was suddenly aware that Scarecrow was talking. He peeked an ear toward the kitchen, wondering if Scarecrow was talking to them. Trying to listen over Jock's and Curly's voices was difficult and he could only snatch a few phrases and nothing he heard made any sense.

First he thought he heard Scarecrow say, "Out! out!" followed by some muttering. Sluggo scratched his head and pondered, "out, out," or had he said "ouch, ouch." When he heard Scarecrow say it again he jumped up and said, "Scarecrow, are you all right? Did you hurt yourself?"

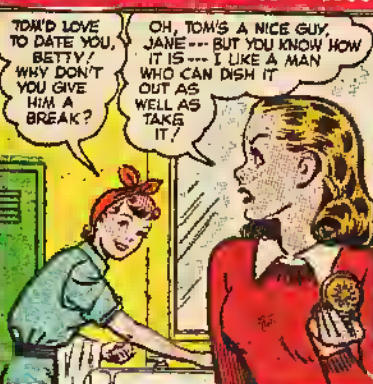
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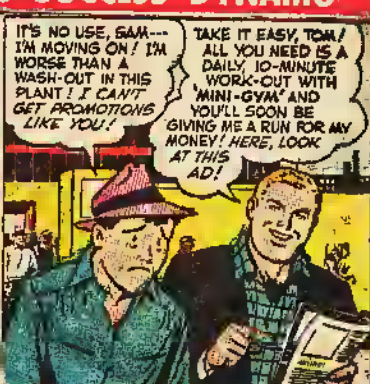
SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB... BUT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH HOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!



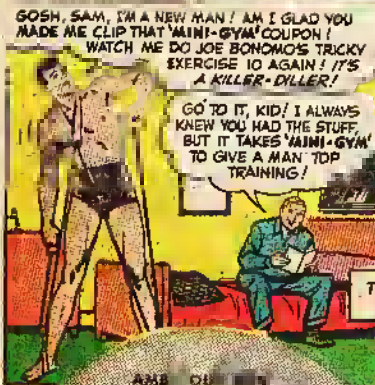
TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?

OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANE... BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS... I LIKE A MAN OUT AS WELL AS TAKE IT!



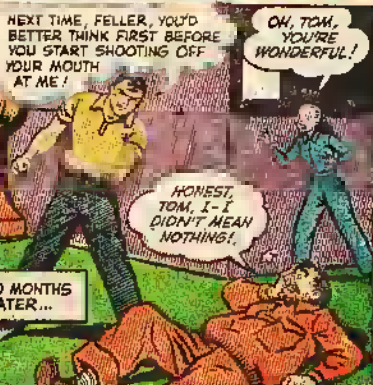
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NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!

OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!

TWO MONTHS LATER...



THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL 'COMER' WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!

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"Huh?" answered the surprised Scarecrow. "No. Why?"

"Oh," apologetically answered Slugger, "I thought you said 'ouch'."

Jock and Curly continued talking as if they hadn't noticed anything. Slugger kept his ears open and realized that Scarecrow was talking, but he finally assumed that he was talking to himself and he could not catch the words, so tried not to pay any heed.

But Slugger could not ignore the situation any longer. When Scarecrow emerged from the kitchen, Slugger, without any preface, said, "Scarecrow, what is the matter?"

"Matter?" asked the surprised Scarecrow, "Nothing. Why?"

"WHY?" exclaimed Slugger. "You haven't been yourself since school started. What's eating you?"

Scarecrow sat down slowly, keeping the three other Wise Guys in suspense, then in a modulated voice said, "Nothing is 'eating' me. I now know what path I am to pursue. My future is cut out for me. I am destined to be an actor."

"An ACTOR," gasped Slugger. "What gave you that idea?"

"Really, Slugger," continued Scarecrow, "you must understand what it is to feel the weight of such a calling."

"You mean this is all because you're taking Mr. Murdock's class in dramatics?" asked Slugger.

"Oh," continued Scarecrow, "the course has only opened my eyes and made my path clear to me."

"Scarecrow, are you really serious?" asked the incredulous Slugger.

"Serious! I've never been more serious," Scarecrow continued intently. "In a few years you'll see my name in bright lights, 'Scarecrow the Sheikh', 'Scarecrow the Shakespearean', 'Scarecrow the Sensation of the Seventies'."

"'Scarecrow the Sheikh'! That's the one I want to see!" hooted Slugger.

Scarecrow remained composed and above the conversation. Nothing would swerve him and the Wise Guys had to suffer through months of histrionics, all the while missing the real Scarecrow. Even though Slugger had solved the mystery of Scarecrow's behavior, he was equally as worried now that he knew what the trouble was.

For months the barn rocked with Scare-

crow's drama. He practiced laughing, shrieking, crying, moaning; he quoted Shakespeare, everything he said or did was with an eye toward the boards. In fact, it became more and more impossible to live with Scarecrow.

One evening Scarecrow came home looking a little deflated. On questioning, the Wise Guys learned that he had been called into the principal's office that day.

"But why?" queried Jock, "You haven't done anything."

"That seems to be the trouble," moaned Scarecrow, sounding almost normal again.

"What do you mean?" asked Curly.

"I guess all my other subjects have fallen off," admitted Scarecrow. Then suddenly he reverted to the actor, "He just doesn't understand the artistic soul. How can I be an actor if I have to fool with math and Latin and other trivial things?"

"Oh, Scarecrow," sighed Slugger in disgust.

Scarecrow brushed aside his reprimand from the principal, as the next day he was looking forward to the announcement of the leads in the fall play. It was an exciting day, as the announcement was always a surprise and a secret until assembly time.

Scarecrow entered the assembly room with the other Wise Guys, breathless with excitement. He had a knowing look on his face as if he was sure what the announcement would be. As Mr. Curtis, the principal, stepped on the platform Scarecrow held his breath. Mr. Curtis wasted little time in preliminaries, then said, "Jack Donaldson will take the leading role in the fall play. Playing opposite him will be Virginia Burton." On down the list of roles he went until finally he said, "Then, of course, we have other leading roles. We must have an efficient stage crew. Heading the stage crew is Scarecrow."

Scarecrow slumped in his seat, his balloon was burst. After assembly the Wise Guys rallied round and encouraged him. They told him how important his job was and how lucky he was to have been chosen. They told him he must be very efficient to have been appointed head of the stage crew.

Slowly the "actor" ceased to act and finally settled down to being the old Scarecrow again.

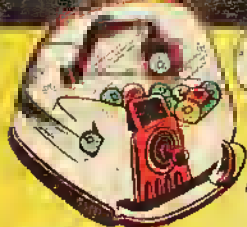
Several weeks later, when Scarecrow was immersed in his new duties, Slugger said, "Gee, Scarecrow, glad you're back to normal again."

"Yeah, Sling," answered Scarecrow. "Guess as an actor I make a good stagehand!"



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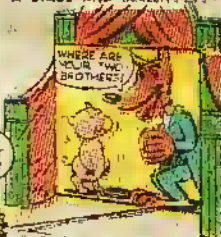
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LETTING THE
WATER OUT!

DAVE!
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GONE INSANE?
STOP!!

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Charles Birg

WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO BE A BEAUTY CONTEST JUDGE? FOR PETE'S SAKE, ROGER, WHY ME? YOU'RE A CARTOONIST, SO IT MAKES SENSE FOR YOU TO DO IT! BUT WHO ARE THE OTHER JUDGES?



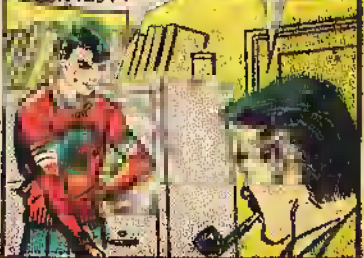
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BALONEY!
OH, WELL, AS
LONG AS YOU'VE
COMMITTED
ME...



HOW DO I LET MYSELF IN FOR THESE THINGS? CAN YOU SEE ME AS ONE OF THE JUDGES FOR THE STAR AMUSEMENT PARK BEAUTY CONTEST?

WHY NOT? WHAT ARE YOU GRIPING FOR? WHAT'S BAD ABOUT BEING DAZZLED BY HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL GIRLS...



I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU, GENTLEMEN! I'M DAVE STARHOLM, THE OWNER OF THE PARK AND SPONSOR OF THE CONTEST! BEFORE WE START, I'D LIKE TO OUTLINE MY PLAN FOR JUDGING!



THIS EVENING, AFTER DETERMINING THE FOUR FINALISTS, I'D LIKE YOU TO JUDGE THOSE GIRLS FOR TALENT AND PERSONALITY BY INDIVIDUALLY SPENDING A HALF-HOUR OR MORE WITH EACH GIRL!



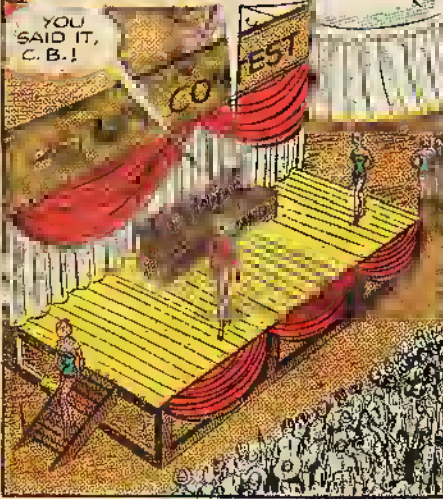
I'VE ARRANGED A LITTLE PARTY FOR YOU AND THE GIRLS IN MY PRIVATE APARTMENT HERE AT THE PARK! IT WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEM PERSONALLY, SO THAT YOU CAN JUDGE THEM ON BRAINS AS WELL AS BEAUTY!



HMM... THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD ARRANGEMENT!

ALL RIGHT, GENTS, COME THIS WAY!

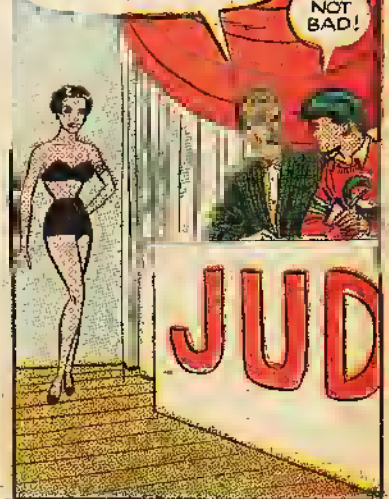
LOOK AT THE NEXT ONE COMING UP ON THE PLATFORM! SHE IS TERRIFIC!



YOU SAID IT, C.B.!



HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE! LOOK AT HER! TERRIFIC, ISN'T SHE?



NOT BAD!

AND HERE STAND THE FOUR FINALISTS! IT WAS A HARD CHOICE FOR THE JUDGES TO MAKE - BUT I'M SURE YOU ALL AGREE THEY SHOWED EXCELLENT TASTE!

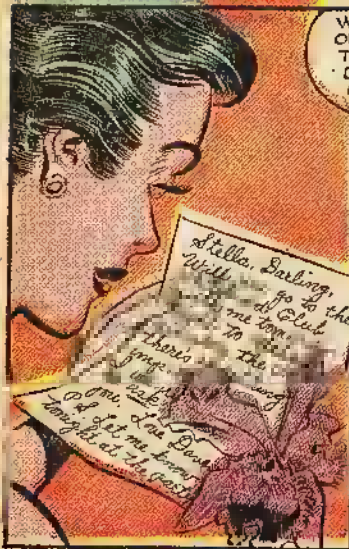


TO EACH OF YOU A CORSAGE FROM THE STATE AMUSEMENT PARK!

AND A SPECIAL ONE FOR YOU, STELLA, HONEY - BECAUSE I PREDICT YOU'LL BE THE WINNER!

THAT GIRL - TWENTY-SEVEN - IS STILL ON MY LIST!





WHETHER I WIN THE CONTEST OR NOT I WANT TO FINISH THE COURSE I'M TAKING IN DRAMA! FOR A LASTING CAREER YOU NEED ABILITY AS WELL AS LOOKS!

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU HAVE BOTH, DIANE!



I KNOW I CAN LEVEL WITH YOU, KALMES! I WANT THAT GIRL, STELLA MALDEN, TO WIN AND THERE'S A GRAND IN IT FOR YOU IF YOU VOTE RIGHT! HERE'S HALF THE BILL NOW TO PROVE I'LL PAY OFF!

WELL-L-L-L...



IT'S NOT AS IF I WERE ASKING YOU TO LET A GIRL WIN WHO DIDN'T DESERVE IT! STELLA REALLY IS A WINNER, A REAL BEAUTY! I HAVE HALF A THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL HERE FOR YOU! THE OTHER HALF IS YOURS AFTER THE CONTEST!

YOU'RE ON!



YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT, STELLA DARLING! I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO ASK MY QUESTION! HERE IT IS—WILL YOU MARRY ME?

IF I WIN... WELL... SUPPOSING... I SAY I WON'T SAY "NO"!



DIANE CLOUD IS A CINCH TO WIN AS FAR AS I CAN SEE! THE OTHER GIRL STELLA IS TERRIFIC TOO, BUT SHE HASN'T THE CLASSIC BEAUTY OF DIANE!

MY SENTIMENTS ENTIRELY! HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO MAKE STARHOLM HAPPY WHEN DIANE WINS! HE'S PLUGGING FOR STELLA!



ALL I'M ASKING, ROGER, IS THAT YOU PICK #50, STELLA MALDEN, AS THE WINNER! MAYBE YOU PLANNED TO PICK HER ANYHOW SO IN THAT CASE THIS \$1,000 IS A PURE GIFT! HALF NOW—HALF LATER!

KEEP YOUR \$1,000! I DON'T WANT A NICKEL OF IT! WHEN I'M CHOSEN JUDGE, NOBODY CAN INFLUENCE ME! I'M LEAVING!



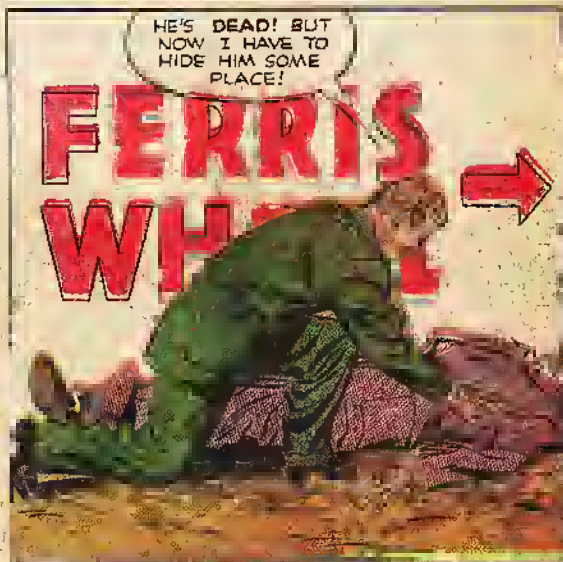
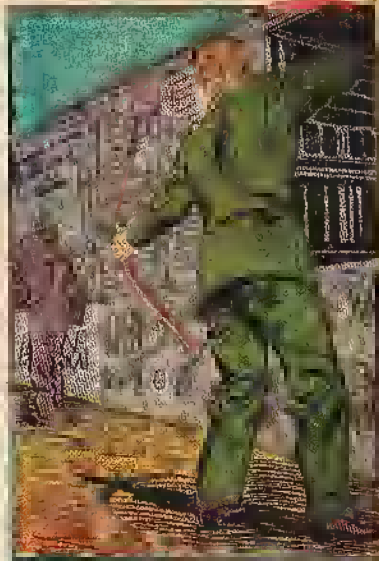
MAYBE STELLA MIGHT HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO WIN—MAYBE NOT—I'M CERTAIN SHE'D HAVE PLACED SECOND—BUT NOW BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO BRIBE ME, I'M GOING TO GET HER DISQUALIFIED!

YOU WOULDN'T DARE!



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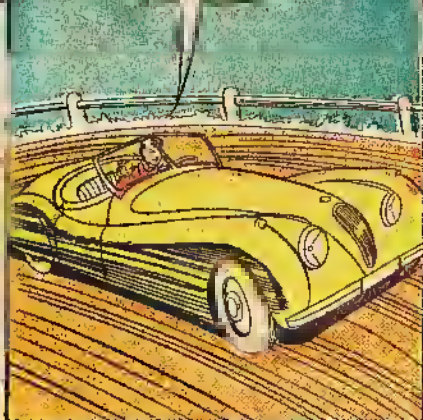
OH, HELLO, MR. STARHOLM! WHILE I WAS STANDING HERE I THOUGHT I SAW THE FERRIS WHEEL MOVING! IF IT HADN'T BEEN SO DARK AND SPOOKY I'D HAVE WALKED OVER!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING THINGS! IT'S BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE CLOSING TIME!

HAVE YOU SEEN MY FRIEND ROGER DARBY, MR. STARHOLM? I THOUGHT HE'D LIKE TO RIDE HOME IN MY CAR, BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED!

PERHAPS HE ESCORTED ONE OF THE GIRLS HOME... I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR THE PAST HOUR!

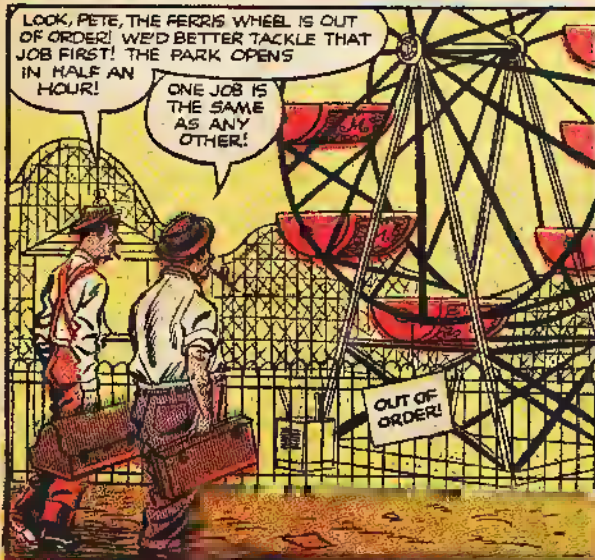
GOLLY, SO UGEEKS, IT'S FUNNY THAT ROGER DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS LEAVING! STILL, MAYBE HE TRIED TO AND COULDN'T FIND ME... I'LL CALL HIM TOMORROW AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!



LOOK, PETE, THE FERRIS WHEEL IS OUT OF ORDER! WE'D BETTER TACKLE THAT JOB FIRST! THE PARK OPENS IN HALF AN HOUR!

ONE JOB IS THE SAME AS ANY OTHER!

OUT OF ORDER!



GIVE IT A TRY FIRST! EVERYTHING LOOKS OKAY! I KNOW IT WAS WORKING ALL RIGHT WHEN I LEFT YESTERDAY!

SOMEONE MUST BE CRAZY AROUND HERE! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT AT ALL!

MAYBE SOME DRUNK STUCK THE SIGN UP FOR A JOKE! OKAY, SHUT HER OFF!



RIGHT THIS WAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE FIRST RIDE OF THE DAY~ON THE WORLD'S BIGGEST, SAFEST FERRIS WHEEL!





IT'S MURDER, LOOVER! THIS MAN WAS KILLED BY AN ARROW ENTERING HIS BACK BELOW THE FOURTH RIB AND STRIKING HIS HEART! THE END OF THE ARROW IS BROKEN OFF BUT THE REST IS STILL IN HIM!



THIS IS HORRIBLE! THE POOR MAN! IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO... I FEEL SO RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED HERE IN MY PARK!



YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP US, MR. STARHOLM! I'D LIKE TO COME TO YOUR OFFICE TO TALK THIS OVER!

DO YOU HAVE ANY THEORIES ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED? I'VE KNOWN ROGER FOR YEARS AND I KNOW HE NEVER HAD AN ENEMY!

THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK IS THAT ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS WHO WAS ELIMINATED MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNBALANCED AND KILLED ROGER FOR REVENGE!



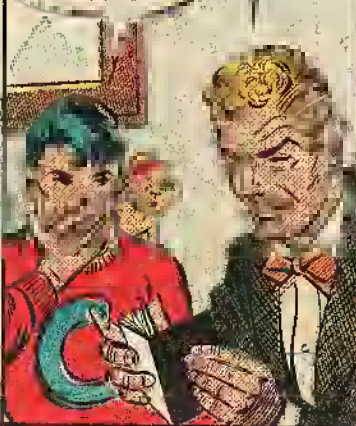
IN OTHER WORDS IT WAS JUST CHANCE THAT HE WAS THE VICTIM...IT MIGHT JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN ME!

EXACTLY! THE MURDERER JUST STRUCK BLINDLY AT THE FIRST JUDGE HE SAW!



IT'S A GOOD THEORY! IT'S GOING TO MEAN A LOT OF INVESTIGATION TO FIND OUT WHO OUT OF ALL THOSE CONTESTANTS DID IT! DO YOU HAVE A LIST?

RIGHT HERE— WITH ALL THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES!



ABOUT THE BEAUTY CONTEST, CRIME-BUSTER—I KNOW IT SEEMS TERRIBLE TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT, BUT EVERYONE WILL BE ARRIVING TONIGHT TO WITNESS THE FINAL JUDGING! THERE'S NO WAY TO NOTIFY THEM...IT PUTS ME IN A TERRIBLE SPOT!



I CAN SEE YOUR POSITION! THE CONTEST CAN GO ON! WITH ROGER DEAD THERE WILL ONLY BE THREE JUDGES, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T MATTER AS FAR AS THE CONTEST IS CONCERNED!

WELL, I'VE GOT SOME THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE CONTEST STARTS! SEE YOU LATER!

HE DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING! STELLA WILL WIN AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT THE WAY I PLANNED!

OH, CRIMEBUSTER, I JUST HEARD ABOUT THE AWFUL THING THAT HAPPENED! ROGER DARBY WAS SUCH A GOOD PERSON! WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL HIM?

I DON'T KNOW, YET! THERE IS STILL A LOT OF EVIDENCE WE NEED! I DON'T EVEN KNOW EXACTLY WHEN HE WAS KILLED!

THERE'S SOMETHING I SAW LAST NIGHT THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MURDER! PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I COULD BE WRONG... IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION...

LAST NIGHT AT THE PARTY I STEPPED OUTSIDE FOR SOME AIR! I THOUGHT I SAW THE FERRIS WHEEL TURNING - THEN MR. STARHOLM CAME FROM THAT DIRECTION! I MENTIONED WHAT I'D SEEN AND HE SAID I WAS IMAGINING THINGS!

STARHOLM HAS BOTHERED ME ALL ALONG! HE'S SEEMED TO BE VERY COOPERATIVE, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIS MANNER THAT'S RUBBED ME THE WRONG WAY! I THINK I'LL GO BACK AND HAVE ANOTHER TALK WITH HIM!

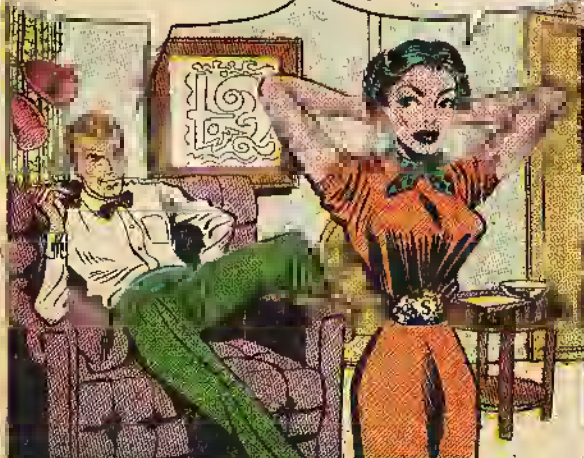


IT'S IN THE BAG, SWEETIE! YOU'RE GOING TO WIN FOR SURE! HOW ABOUT SETTLING OUR PLANS FOR GETTING MARRIED RIGHT NOW!

I WISH I WAS AS SURE AS YOU ARE! I'D LIKE TO WIN BUT I THINK DIANE CLOUD IS STIFF COMPETITION!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT! I'VE FIXED THINGS SO SHE HASN'T A CHANCE! BROWN AND KEEN ARE VOTING FOR YOU SO IT'S TWO-TO-ONE YOU WIN! IT COST TWO GRAND BUT IT'S WORTH IT!

WHAT! YOU MEAN YOU BRIBED THEM?





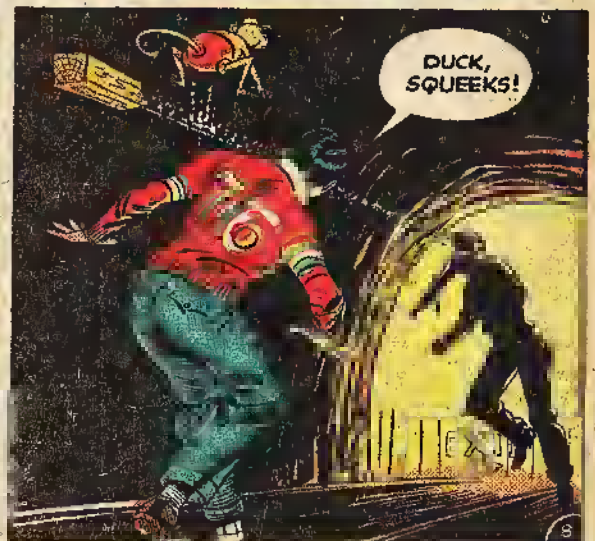
OH, YOU STUPID FOOL! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANT TO WIN LIKE THAT? I'LL RESIGN FROM THE CONTEST, AND AS FOR YOU, I'M THROUGH!

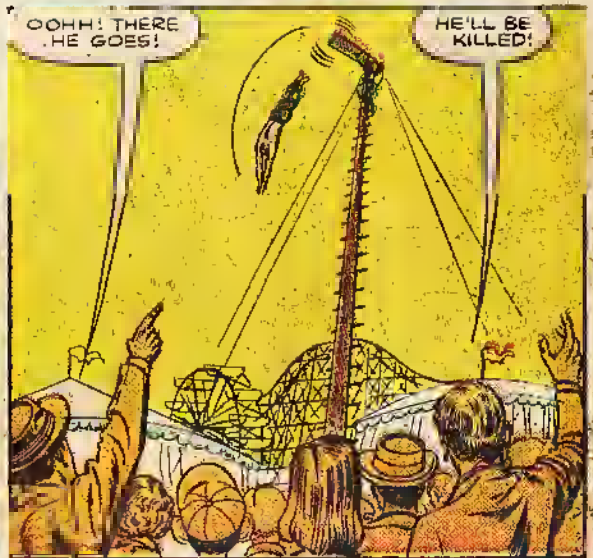
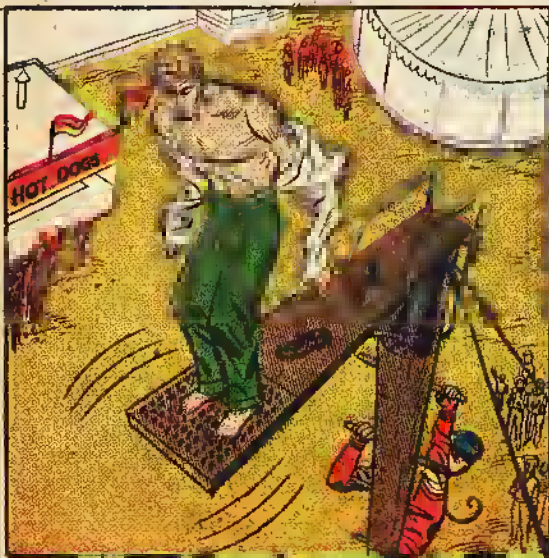
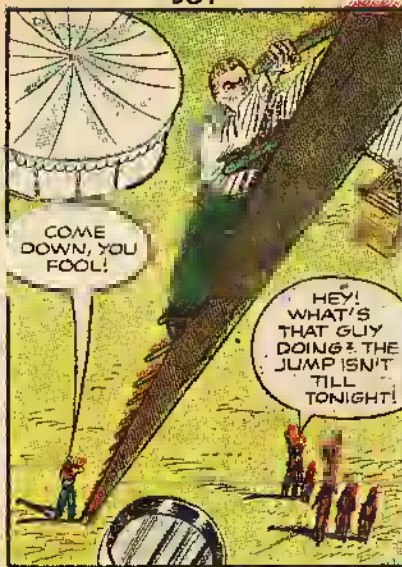
YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME! AFTER WHAT I DID FOR YOU, YOU CAN'T WALK OUT ON ME NOW! I KILLED ROGER DARBY FOR YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO STICK WITH ME!

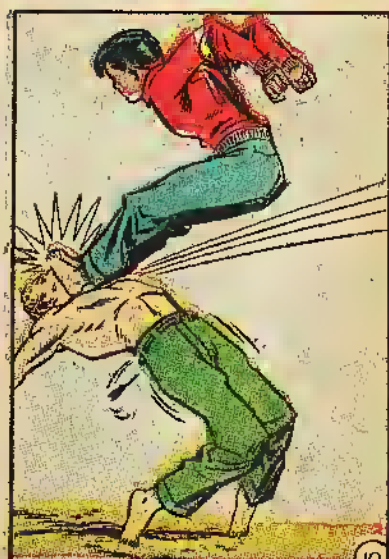
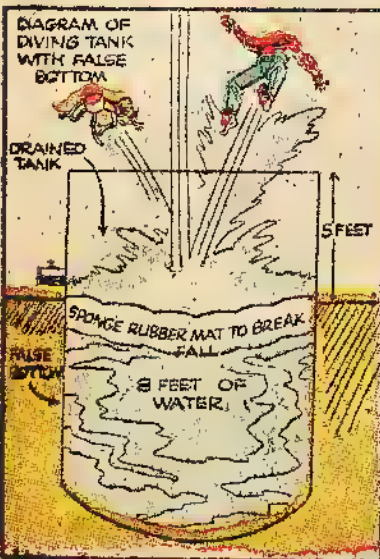
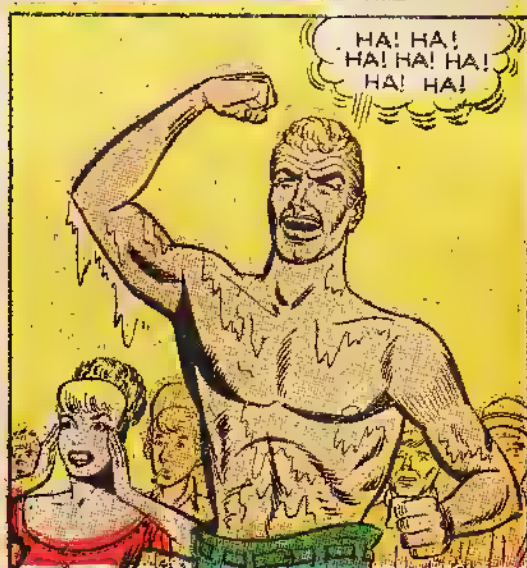
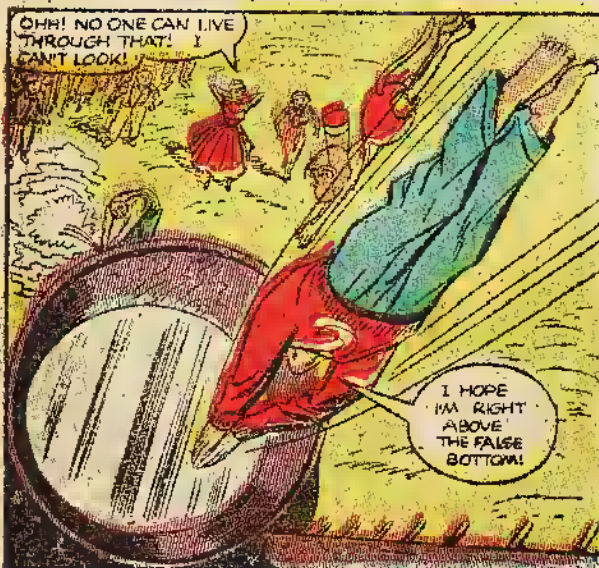
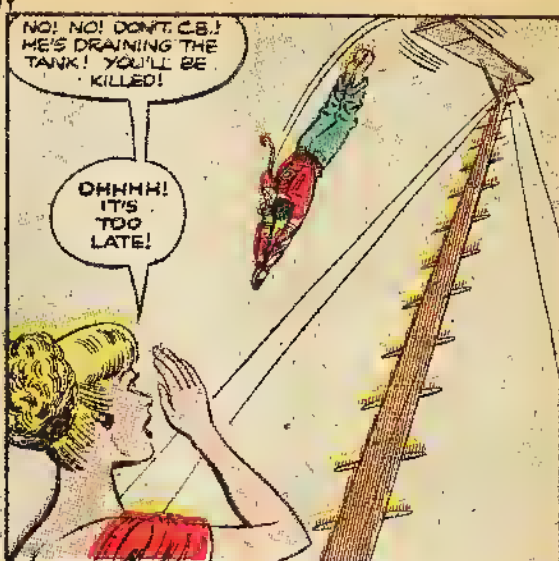
YOU'RE A MURDERER! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I'M GOING TO TELL...

I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!

HELP!!







THIS BROKEN PIECE OF ARROW
FELL OUT OF HIS POCKET
THAT CLINCHES THE CASE
AGAINST HIM!



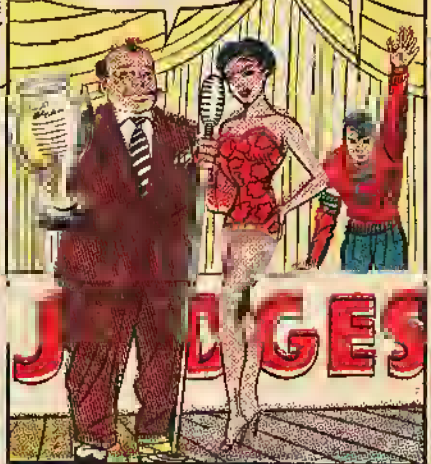
YOU'VE GOT TO
BELIEVE ME, C.B.!
I DIDN'T KNOW
HE BRIBED THE
JUDGES! I'LL RE-
SIGN FROM
THE CONTEST!



NO! I STILL WANT TO
SHOW UP THOSE
CROOKED JUDES! AP-
PEAR TONIGHT AS IF
NOTHING HAS HAP-
PENED! I'LL KEEP THE
STORY OF DAVE'S CAP-
TURE OUT OF THE
PAPERS TILL AFTER
THE CONTEST!

WE AWARD THE FIRST PLACE
TO MISS STELLA MALDEN BY
A VOTE OF TWO-TO-ONE!
RUNNER-UP, MISS
DIANE CLOUD!

JUST A
MOMENT!



SINCE DAVID STARHOLM IS IN JAIL
FOR MURDER, HE CAN'T BE HERE
TONIGHT TO PAY OFF
HIS BRIBES TO YOU-
SO LET ME PRESENT
YOU GENTLEMEN
WITH THESE!

THERE'S BEEN
SOME MIS-
TAKE! I DON'T
WANT THOSE!
THEY'RE
NOT MINE!

NOT
MINE,
EITHER!



PERMIT ME TO
EXAMINE YOUR
WALLETS!

WHA...



WELL! IMAGINE
THAT-THE
OTHER HALVES!



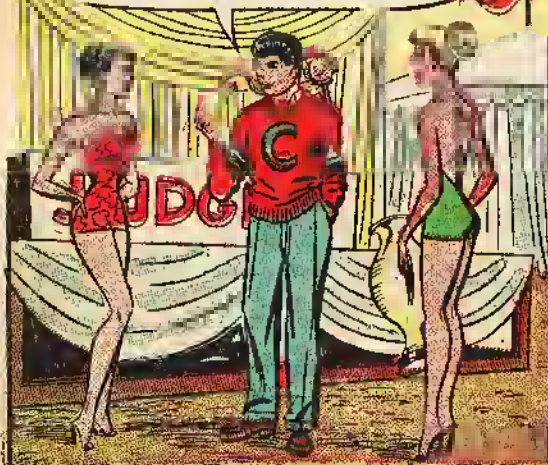
I'D BE ASHAMED TO WIN
UNFAIRLY SO I RESIGN IN
FAVOR OF THE RIGHTFUL
WINNER, MISS
DIANE CLOUD!

HURRAY!

GOOD
GIRL!



DAVID STARHOLM WILL SURELY RECEIVE THE
DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERING ROGER! AS
FOR THOSE OTHER TWO CHEAP CROOKS, THE
PUBLICITY THEY GOT TONIGHT WILL BE
PUNISHMENT ENOUGH!



I HAD SOME GOOD
NEWS! A HOLLYWOOD
TALENT SCOUT HAS
ASKED BOTH OF US TO
TAKE SCREEN TESTS!
ISN'T THAT
WONDERFUL?

NOW I CAN SEE
WHY DIANE RATES
TOPS—SHE HAS A
BIG HEART TO
GO WITH HER
BEAUTY! I JUST
HOPE I CAN BE
LIKE HER!

YOU'RE
BOTH
TOPS ON
MY
LIST!



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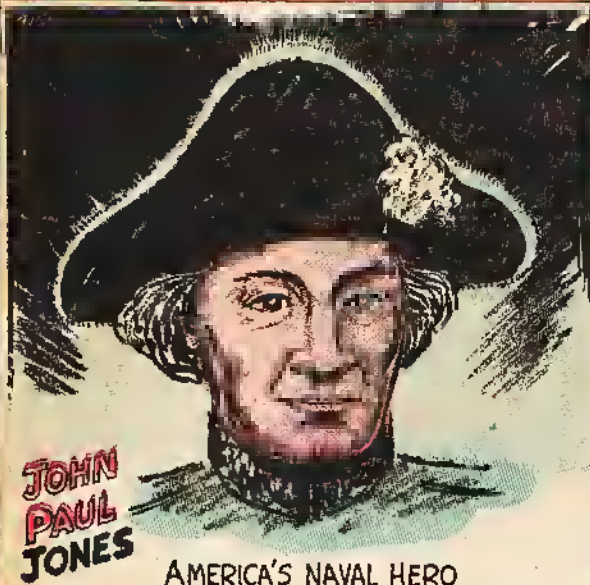
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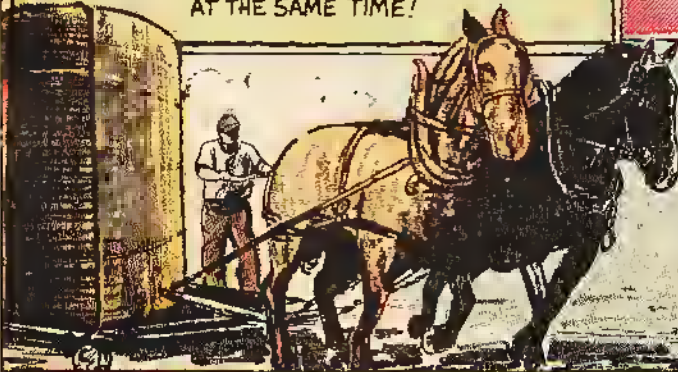
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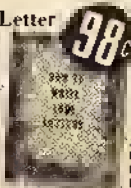
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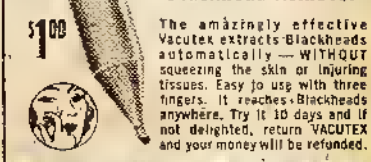
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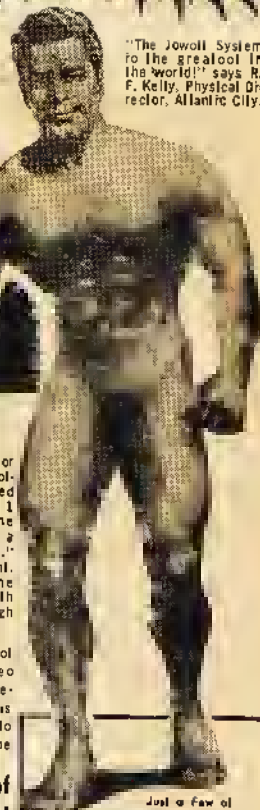
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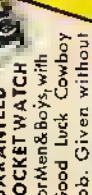
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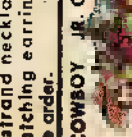
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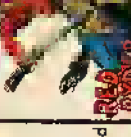
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